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Unless a man is reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, He cannot enter the
Kingdom of God.

Baptism Check-list

This list will help you to prepare for your child's Baptism. Make sure that you do all of the listed below.

- _____ Present birth certificate
- _____ Fill out Baptismal form
- _____ Speak to priest (only if instructed)
- _____ Sign up for baptismal classes
- _____ Attend baptismal classes in: _____
- _____ Other requirements: _____

- _____ Give \$50.00 donation to confirm baptism date

Questions: _____

Office use only

Tentative Baptism Date _____

Public Drive: Baptism Folder: Baptism Pamphlet—Eng.
Baptism is a Christian Sacrament signifying spiritual rebirth and symbolized by the ritual use of water. In the Catholic Church this Sacrament is administered by a priest or a deacon, after serious preparation of the parties involved.

If the person to be baptized is an infant or a young child, those to be counseled are the parents and the godparents. Children must, later, be formed in the faith in which they have been baptized and must receive a religious education.

If the party to be baptized is an older child, five years and above, or an adult, special instruction should be received before this Sacrament is celebrated. Parents or adults seeking to be baptized will be referred to a Priest regarding this matter.

Baptism Information and Procedure

Parents of the child to be baptized:

To register your child for Baptism, you must come into the Rectory at least two months prior to the desired baptismal date.

If you do not belong to our Parish but you wish to baptize your child here you will have to provide a permission letter from your Parish.

You must present your child's **birth certificate** at the time of the registration.

When choosing godparents, keep in mind that they should be practicing Catholics married by the **Catholic Church** or if single, they must not be living with anybody as a couple. The Godparents must be at least 17 years old and confirmed.

Both parents and godparents must sign-up for and attend the **two** pre-baptismal classes. You will be given the dates of the classes when you register your child to be baptized. These classes are adult oriented and **children are not allowed**. *If you bring children to the classes, you will be asked to reschedule—keep in mind this may delay your desired date for your baptism.*

If you and the godparents do not wish to baptize in our Parish and need to take the pre-baptismal classes the cost is \$10 per person

Baptisms in English are held the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 3:00PM. in the Church. Baptisms in Spanish are held the first and third Saturday of the month at 3:00 PM.

8. It is customary for the family or godparents to offer a **\$50.00** (*per child*) donation before the date of Baptism. **This donation will be taken after all requirements have been met.**

9. Once everything has been met you will come in to the Rectory to give the donation and set the desired baptism date. **Dates will not be given or confirmed until you complete all requirements.**

10. Baptismal certificates will be mailed to your home one week after the ceremony. Be sure to review all the information on your certificate and notify the Rectory within a week if you find any errors; otherwise, the information remains permanent.

PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEO

Your child's Baptism is a special time for the family and we are aware that you might want to capture many special moments with a photograph or video. During the ceremony, the celebrant priest or deacon will indicate you the appropriate times to do so.

Please be advised that **WE DO NOT** offer and/or sponsor any professional photographers. If you are approached, you have the right to refuse the photographer's services since the parish cannot guarantee the legitimacy of services it does not sponsor.

NOTE:

In the event of a life threatening emergency, anyone can and should administer this sacrament. This should be done in the case of a newborn child not expected to live or an adult who has expressed a desire to be baptized and is not able to receive the proper instructions. This is done by pouring water on the head of the person being baptized saying at the same time the following words:

"I Baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

It is necessary and very important that you notify a priest as soon as possible after such a baptism.